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Loan Rates

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
WHEAT	\$2.85	\$2.87
CORN	\$1.93	\$1.86
SOYBEANS	\$4.92	\$4.91
OATS	\$1.38	\$1.34
GR SORGHUM	\$3.30	\$3.31
SUNFLOWERS	\$8.91	\$9.14

Farm Service Agency

BROWN COUNTY FSA FARMLINE

MAY 2006

DCP – DIRECT AND COUNTER-CYCLICAL PROGRAM SIGNUP

Signup is underway for the DCP 2006 program year. The final date to sign into the DCP program is June 1, 2006.

Advance direct payment of 40% can be requested any month through September 2006. The final direct payment will be made in October 2006. Advance counter-cyclical (CC) payments may also be requested.

Appointments are being scheduled for the DCP signup. Please call for an appointment time.

Record Changes

If you have bought, sold, or are renting different land, make sure you report the changes to the FSA Office as soon as possible after the change occurs. For farm ownership changes you will need to provide a recorded deed or recorded land contract. Failure to maintain accurate records with FSA on all land you have an interest in could lead to possible ineligibility for USDA benefits.

RECONSTITUTION DEADLINE

To be effective for 2006, farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by August 1, 2006. A request for a reconstitution after 2006 DCP payments have been made shall be processed for 2007 unless all payments received are refunded.

2006 Acreage Reporting Deadline

May 31, 2006 is the final date to certify small grains (wheat, oats, and barley). August 1, 2006 is the final date to certify spring seeded crops (corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, pulse crops) and CRP.

Reporting of crop acreage is required on farms that are enrolled in DCP, have acreage enrolled in CRP, NAP crops, fruits and vegetables, or produce crops (including wool and unshorn pelts) for which a loan or loan deficiency payment (LDP) may be requested.

2006 CCC-633 EZ

Last August FSA introduced the CCC-633 EZ form. This is a two-part loan deficiency request that allows producers to (1) indicate their intention to receive LDP benefits *before* losing beneficial interest in the eligible commodity, and (2) submit a request for an LDP at any time during the loan/LDP availability period before or after losing beneficial interest.

A key point to remember is that page 1 of the EZ form must be signed by the producer before beneficial interest in the commodity is lost. Once beneficial interest is lost the commodity is ineligible for an LDP even if beneficial interest is regained. All producers are encouraged to submit page 1 of the EZ for each crop year whether or not they plan to subsequently request a loan or LDP.

2005 Loan and LDP Deadline

The deadline to request a 2005 corn, sorghum, soybean, or sunflower loan or loan deficiency payment is May 31, 2006. Production for feed grains that has been sold can be provided to the county office until May 31, 2006 for producers who have a CCC-633 EZ page one on file for 2005. The May interest rate for commodity loans is 5.875%.

Sodbuster, Swampbuster

Most Farm Service Agency programs require compliance with sodbuster and swampbuster provisions. These provisions require producers to follow an approved conservation system on all highly erodible land planted to an annual crop as determined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Be sure to have determinations made on any new land you plan to plant to annual crops. If you plan to plant a different crop on your current cropland, check with NRCS to assure the new crop will qualify under your conservation system. Swampbuster provisions state that converting a wetland to make possible the planting of a crop will result in the loss of all USDA benefits. To avoid this possibility it is strongly recommended that producers check with NRCS before starting any kind of dirt work.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

Low cost loans for storage facilities are available for producers to build or remodel farm storage facilities for a variety of commodities, including wheat, rice, soybeans, and corn.

The seven-year Farm Storage Facility Loans are available for the purchase and installation of eligible storage facilities, permanently affixed drying or handling equipment, or remodeling existing facilities. Eligible facilities include new conventional-type cribs or bins and new and remanufactured oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures.

All farm storage facility loans are secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The maximum amount that may be borrowed is 85 percent of the net cost of the storage or handling equipment, up to \$100,000 for each borrower. A minimum down payment is also required.

The interest rate changes each month. The May interest rate for Farm Storage Facility Loans is 4.875%. For details, contact the county office staff.

CRP Re-enrollments and Extensions (REX)

USDA has announced re-enrollment and extension opportunities for CRP participants that have CRP-1's (CRP contract) scheduled to expire from 2007 through 2010. To indicate their intention to participate in this opportunity producers are required to pay a compliance review fee. Producers with contracts expiring in 2007 were notified in February of this opportunity. The deadline for submitting the compliance fee was April 28, 2006.

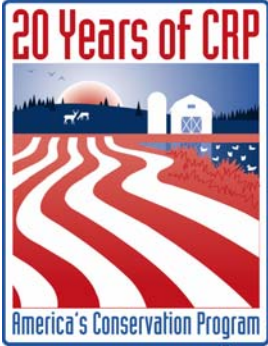
Producers with contracts expiring 2008, 2009, and 2010 were notified of this opportunity in late March 2006 and have until June 30, 2006 to pay the compliance fee. Re-enrollment or extension determinations were based on the environmental criteria (without cost) of the environmental benefit index (EBI) score used to rank offers at the time of enrollment. Re-enrollments will be for 10 years and will receive new soil rental rates that became effective February 3, 2006. Extensions will be for 2, 3, 4, or 5 years and will receive the soil rental rates of the original contract.

Participants may re-enroll or extend all or any portion of the expiring CRP-1. This does not include CRP acreage from continuous signups. Participants with expiring CRP acreage that is otherwise eligible for continuous signup may enroll that acreage in the applicable continuous signup practice.

20th Anniversary of CRP Celebration

Bill R. Fuller, State Executive Director of the Kansas Farm Service Agency, and the FSA conservation partners invite the public to attend an event to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Those interested in learning how Kansan's are restoring and enhancing our natural resources should attend the CRP Field Tour to be held in Dickinson County on June 7, 2006. Those wanting to attend shall meet at the Mary Dell Camp Area of Brown Memorial Park approximately 1½ miles south of Abilene. Bus transportation for the tour will be available for only 96 persons; others can follow the buses in their own vehicles. Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. and the buses will leave at 9:00 a.m. After the tour, the participants will return to Brown Memorial Park for a catered lunch. During the tour, learn more about Filter Strips, Rare and Declining Habitat, Contour Grass Strip Terraces, and Upland Bird Habitat Buffers. Conservation experts and landowners will share their experiences and explain

the environmental benefits of these practices. In addition, special dignitaries will be at the event's kickoff to share their involvement in the 20th year of CRP. Call 785-539-3531 or e-mail betty.unterberger@ks.usda.gov to pre-register for the CRP Field Tour to be held in Dickinson County on June 7, 2006. Although not required, pre-registration will allow for meal and bus arrangements. The rain date will be June 8, 2006. Persons with disabilities who require accommodation to attend or participate in this event should contact Rod Winkler, Farm Service Agency, at 785-539-3534 or email rod.winkler@ks.usda.gov.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 29 | MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED |
| May 31 | Final Loan/LDP availability date for corn, soybeans, grain sorghum, and sunflowers |
| May 31 | Acreage Reporting Deadline for wheat, oats, and barley |
| June 1 | Final date to enroll in 2006 Direct Counter-Cyclical Program |
| June 7 | 20th Anniversary CRP Celebration |
| June 30 | Deadline for REX Compliance Fees (2008, 2009, 2010 Contracts) |
| July 4 | 4TH OF JULY – OFFICE CLOSED |
| August 1 | Acreage Reporting Deadline for corn, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, and CRP. |

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